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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Specification	33
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Enclosures:

— Rule 63 declaration: Copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.

— Information Disclosure Statement: Applicants call attention to documents listed on the attached forms PTO-1449 (4 pages) and PTO-892 (2 pages) from the parent case. Per Rule 97(d), copies of those documents are not provided.

— Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/769,371, filed December 19, 1996. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert -- This is a divisional of U.S. application serial no. 08/769,371, filed December 19, 1996 (pending). –

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